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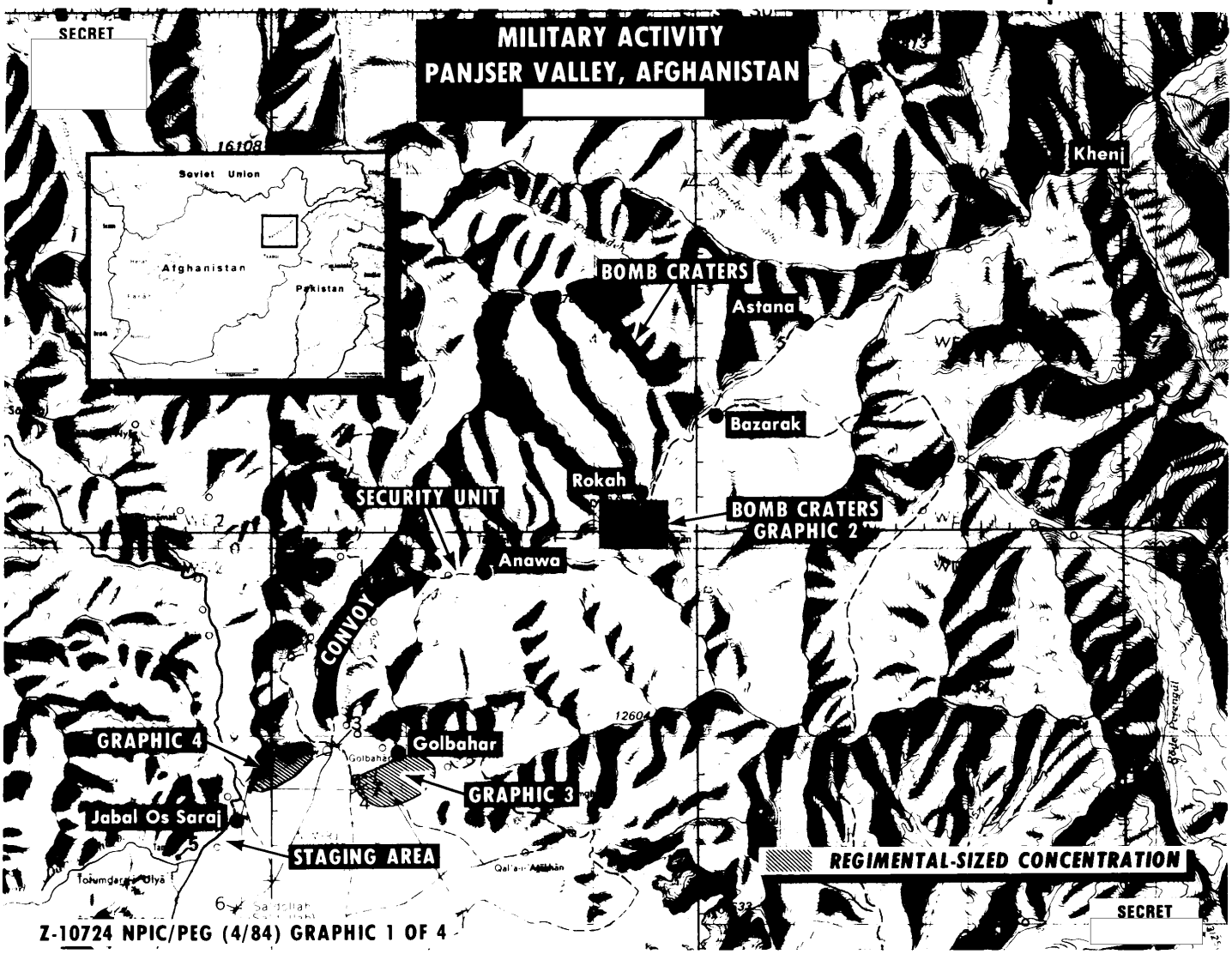

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MILITARY ACTIVITY
PANJSER VALLEY, AFGHANISTAN

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: EVIDENCE OF IMPENDING SOVIET/AFGHAN SWEEP OPERATIONS IN THE PANJSER VALLEY IS OBSERVED. THIS ACTIVITY INCLUDES THE PRESENCE OF REGIMENTAL-SIZED CONCENTRATIONS AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE VALLEY NEAR GOLBAHAR AND EVIDENCE OF RECENT BOMBING IN THE VALLEY. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: THE SOVIETS HAVE CONDUCTED BOMBINGS IN AT LEAST TWO AREAS OF THE PANJSER VALLEY SEVERAL 25X1
LINEAR GROUPINGS OF BOMB CRATERS (ALL NOT ON GRAPHIC) (GRAPHIC 2) ARE IN THE VICINITY OF ROKAH AND AN ADDITIONAL GROUPING OF CRATERS IS NORTH OF ROKAH AT APPROXIMATELY 35-20N 069-28E. (SWN)

PREPARATIONS FOR THE MILITARY OPERATION INCLUDE A CONVOY IN THE VALLEY, AND SOVIET AND AFGHAN UNITS ASSEMBLED IN THE GOLBAHAR AREA. THE CONVOY IS HEADED NORTHEAST ALONG THE VALLEY TOWARD ANAWA WHERE A COMBINED SOVIET/AFGHAN SECURITY FORCE REMAINS DEPLOYED SINCE MAY 1982. THE CONVOY, OF APPROXIMATELY 200 VEHICLES, IS HEADED BY TANK MINECLEARERS AND CONSISTS PRIMARILY OF CARGO TRUCKS WITH AIRBORNE AND MOTORIZED RIFLE UNITS POSSIBLY PROVIDING SECURITY. (SWN)

A REGIMENTAL-SIZED UNIT IS IMMEDIATELY EAST OF GOLBAHAR (GRAPHIC 3, NOT ALL SHOWN). THIS UNIT CONSISTS OF TWO BMP ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER (APC)-EQUIPPED MOTORIZED RIFLE (MR) BATTALIONS (BN), ONE BTR-70/60PB APC-EQUIPPED MR BN, AT LEAST ONE TANK COMPANY, TWO BMD M-1981/2 SELF-PROPELLED (SP) GUN/MORTAR BATTERIES (BTRY), ELEMENTS OF TWO 122MM HOWITZER D-30 BTRY, AND ONE PROBABLE 122MM HOWITZER M-30 BN. THIS UNIT MAY BE AUGMENTED BY THE SOVIET SECURITY CONTINGENT NORMALLY AT GOLBAHAR. THIS UNIT MAY ALSO BE AUGMENTED BY AFGHAN INFANTRY SINCE THERE IS AN AFGHAN COMMAND POST ON THE EASTERN EDGE OF GOLBAHAR. A DETACHMENT OF THE REGIMENTAL-SIZED UNIT, INCLUDING 14 BMP APC AND TWO TANKS, IS CONDUCTING RECONNAISSANCE SOUTHEAST OF THE DEPLOYMENT AREA. (SWN)

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A SECOND REGIMENTAL-SIZED UNIT AND A LARGE ARTILLERY FIRE SUPPORT BASE ARE BETWEEN JABAL OS SARAJ AND GOLBAHAR (GRAPHIC 4, NOT ALL SHOWN). EQUIPMENT INCLUDES ONE BMP APC-EQUIPPED MR BN, ELEMENTS OF THREE BTR-70/60PB APC-EQUIPPED MR BN (ONE IN CONVOY), ONE TANK BN, ELEMENTS OF TWO 152MM SP HOWITZER BTRY, TWO 122MM HOWITZER D-30 BN, AND TWO MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER (MRL) BTRY. AFGHAN UNITS ALSO IN THIS AREA INCLUDE ONE 122MM HOWITZER M-30 BTRY AND AN INFANTRY UNIT. TWO HIP HELICOPTERS ARE IN FLIGHT OVER THIS DEPLOYMENT AREA. (SWN)

A STAGING AREA HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AT JABAL OS SARAJ ARMY CAMP SOVIET [redacted] AND INCLUDES A PROBABLE 25X1
COMMUNICATIONS/COMMAND AREA WITH AT LEAST SEVEN TENTS, 10 POSSIBLE ELECTRONICS-ASSOCIATED VEHICLES, AND TWO HIP HELICOPTERS. SEVERAL CARGO TRUCKS ARE NEAR THE AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA. A SECOND MRL BTRY IS DEPLOYED NEXT TO THE MRL BTRY NORMALLY DEPLOYED AT THIS FACILITY. (SWN)

EVIDENCE OF AN ADDITIONAL POSSIBLE SOVIET/AFGHAN SWEEP OPERATION, UNRELATED TO THE ACTIVITY IN THE PANJSER VALLEY AREA, IS ALSO IN PROGRESS IN THE HERAT AREA. ELEMENTS OF A 122MM HOWITZER D-30 BN, ONE MRL BN, A BTR-60/70 APC-EQUIPPED MR BN, AND A TANK COMPANY ARE DEPLOYED ACROSS THE ROAD FROM HERAT AIRFIELD [redacted] AND MAY BE ORIENTED TOWARD THE 25X1
TOWN OF HERAT. AN AFGHAN BIVOUAC IS IMMEDIATELY NORTHWEST OF THE AIRFIELD. A CONVOY OF APPROXIMATELY 35 TRUCKS IS HEADED NORTH TOWARD THE TOWN. (SWN)

HERAT IS IN WESTERN AFGHANISTAN APPROXIMATELY 55 NM SOUTH OF THE USSR-AFGHANISTAN BORDER. (SWN)

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